

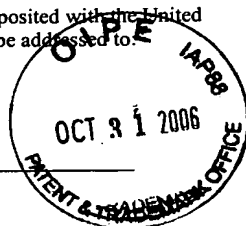
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PATENT
Docket No.: 16869G-101200US
Client Ref. No.: 340300430US01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Youji MARUYAMA et al.

Application No.: 10/808,251

Filed: March 23, 2004

For: Magnetic Head Whose Composite
Magnetic Core Is Recessed From Air
Bearing Surface

Confirmation No.: 4216

Examiner: Angel A. Castro

Art Unit: 2627

Response to Restriction Requirement

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 28, 2006, counsel for Assignee elects to prosecute the claims of Species 1 (Figure 1), i.e., claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 12, 13, 16, and 17 without traverse.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-324-6203.

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